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Signs of Disaffection Among Chinese Communist Army Units in South Yunnan.

1. In March 1951 mutinies occurred in two companies, a mortar company and a machinegun company, of 109 Regiment of 37 Division. In both instances the mutineers were led by their company commanders. Details of their plans had leaked out beforehand, however, and when the mutinies occurred the two company commanders were arrested and executed. The rank and file were sent back to P'uerh (101-05; 23-03) for reorganization.
2. General YU Wei-min, commander of all Chinese Communist Army units in the Ssu P'u* area, also became dissatisfied with the regime and was preparing to lead three of his regiments in rebellion. News of this also reached the Communist administration and General YU was transferred to Chienshui (102-50; 23-40), where he is "under supervision". The units under his command were transferred to the command of another formation.
3. The population of the Sin Song Panna area, the extreme southern tip of Yunnan, are living in great fear of the Communists, who are executing or imprisoning all ex-KMT officials or Nationalist sympathizers. Consequently the local population is preparing to revolt and join the KMT forces in the event that the latter attack from Kengtung.

Chinese Communist Army Dispositions in South Yunnan.

4. A conference held in Menghai in early March 1951 was attended by Chinese Communist Army leaders from the areas of:

Menghai (100-26; 21-58)
Ch'el1 (100-50; 21-58)
Nanchiao (100-11; 22-07)
Ningchiang (100-34; 22-19)
Chenyueh (101-28; 21-58)

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The purpose of the meeting was to discuss events in the border area.

5. The Chinese Communist 37 Division, formerly stationed in the P'uerh area, has now moved to Kunning.
6. One unit of 37 Division, the 109 Regiment which was formerly stationed at Menghai, has been transferred elsewhere and its duties have been taken over by a force of not more than 1,500 provincial militia.** Three hundred of these are stationed at Talo (100-03; 21-38), and others are at Ch'eli, Tamenglung (大德龍, near Ch'eli) and Mengmang (100-06; 22-12).
7. Since the militia has taken over it has been engaged in enforcing land reform and in liquidating the "KMT underground" in the area. As a result of all this suppression and confiscation of property approximately 1,000 of the local population have fled into Kengtung and Mengyung (99-46; 23-57).

* Comment. No trace can be found of Ssu P'u on any of the usual maps. It is probable that this name is a contraction of the two towns of Ssumao (101-12; 22-47) and P'uerh (101-05; 23-03), and thus refers to the area under the jurisdiction of these two towns.

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** Comment. It is not clear from this report whether 109 Regiment was transferred before or after the mutinies of two companies in March 1951. The second alternative appears more probable.

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